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SUBJECT: CONGRESSIONAL INQUIRY ON NATO INFRASTRUCTURE
CONTRACT IN ITALY

1. WE HAVE RECEIVED THE FOLLOWING LETTER FROM SENATOR
WEICKER (CONNECTICUT), WITH ATTACHED LETTER FROM HIS
CONSTITUENT:

QUOTE:

CONGRESSIONAL LIAISON
DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
THE PENTAGON
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20301

GENTLEMEN:

I HAVE RECEIVED AN INQUIRY FROM A CONSTITUENT, DOMINIC
BRACCHI, REGARDING WHAT HIS COUNSEL TERMS "DIFFICULTY BEING
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CONSIDERED FOR SOME OF THE CONSTRUCTION WORK TO BE PER-

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FORMED AT THE NEW NATO AIR FIELD IN THE AREA OF PIACENZA, ITALY." MR. BRACCHI IS A CONTRACTOR OPERATING UNDER HIS OWN NAME IN THE UNITED STATES AND A PARTNER IN THE ITALY-BASED FIRM OF RENATO BORRICINI, GEOMETZO.

ACCORDING TO MR. BRACCHI'S LOCAL COUNSEL, MR. BRACCHI "FEELS THAT HE AND HIS ITALIAN PARTNERS ARE NOT BEING GIVEN A FAIR OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT A BID ON THE MATTER SO THAT THEY MIGHT BE CONSIDERED FOR THE WORK." HIS COUNSEL POINTS OUT THAT "OBVIOUSLY, HIS WORK AND HIS BID WOULD HAVE TO BE JUDGED ON ITS OWN MERITS" AND ASKS "ONLY A FAIR SHAKE" TO BE PERMITTED TO BID.

I WOULD APPRECIATE IT IF YOUR DEPARTMENT WOULD LOOK INTO THE SITUATION TO DETERMINE WHY MR. BRACCHI AND THE ITALIAN FIRM WITH WHICH HE IS ASSOCIATED HAVE NOT BEEN PERMITTED TO BID ON THE NATO AIR FIELD PROJECT, AND IF IT SHOULD DEVELOP THAT THEY HAVE NOT MET THE ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS, WHAT THEY WOULD HAVE TO DO TO BECOME ELIGIBLE TO BID.

THANK YOU FOR ANY ASSISTANCE YOU MAY BE ABLE TO GIVE IN RESOLVING MR. BRACCHI'S PROBLEM. PLEASE DIRECT ANY REPLY TO ME AT MY OFFICE IN THE FEDERAL BUILDING, 915 LAFAYETTE BOULEVARD, BRIDGEPORT, CONNECTICUT 06604.

SINCERELY, LOWELL WEICKER, JR.

ATTACHMENT TO SENATOR WEICKER'S LETTER:

DEAR LOWELL:

I REPRESENT DOMINIC BRACCHI OF 40 TRAVIS AVENUE, STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT, WHO IS A PARTNER IN A FIRM SITUATED IN PIACENZA, ITALY. THE NAME OF THE FIRM IS AS FOLLOWS:

RENATO BORRICINI, GEOMETZO
SPECIALISATO IN CONTRUSIONE & FURNITORE
CONCRETE AND ASPHALT AND GRAVEL PIT
ALBAROLA & FERIERRE
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PIACENZA, ITALY.

I AM WRITING TO YOU BECAUSE HE INFORMS ME THAT HE IS HAVING DIFFICULTY BEING CONSIDERED FOR SOME OF THE CON-STRUCTION WORK TO BE PERFORMED AT THE NEW NATO AIR FIELD IN THE AREA AND HF FEELS THAT HE AND HIS ITALIAN PARTNERS ARE NOT BEING GIVEN A FAIR OPPORTUNITY TO SUBMIT A BID ON THE MATTER SO THAT THEY MIGHT BE CONSIDERED FOR THE WORK.

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OBVIOUSLY, HIS WORK AND HIS BID WOULD HAVE TO BE JUDGED ON ITS OWN MERITS, BUT HE HAS ASKED ME TO WRITE TO YOU TO SEE IF YOU MIGHT ASK THE APPROPRIATE AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVE TO AT LEAST SEE THAT MR. BRACCHI AND HIS FIRM ARE GIVEN A FAIR SHAKE. IT WOULD SEEM THAT THIS WOULD BENEFIT THE PROJECT AS WELL AS MR. BRACCHI SINCE IT WOULD ALLOW HIM

TO SUBMIT BIDS AND DO THE WORK AT POSSIBLY A LOWER FIGURE THAN THE OTHER BIDDERS.

ANY WAY YOU MIGHT HELP IN THIS AREA WOULD BE APPRECIATED.

VERY TRULY YOURS, MACRIDES, ZEZIMA & CHRISTIANO, BY DONALD F. ZEZIMA.

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2. PLEASE INVESTIGATE AND REPORT SO WE CAN RESPOND TO SENATOR WEICKER'S REQUEST.

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